

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

extending and modifying Regulation (EEC) No 2829/72 of the  
Council, of 28 December 1972, regarding the  
Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Estimation of the financial effect on the  
Community budget of the Proposal for a  
Council Regulation (CEE)  
extending the period of application  
and amending the Council Regulation  
n° 2829/72 of 23 Decembre 1972 on the  
Community quota for the carriage of goods  
by road between Member States

Printing of the Community authorisations

For 1975 and 1976 =  $\pm$  40.000 Belgian fr.



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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. On 19 July 1968 the Council adopted EEC Regulation No 1018/68<sup>1</sup> introducing a Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States. The quota covered a fairly small volume of traffic in relation to total road haulage between Member States and was introduced for an experimental period of three years.
2. Pursuant to Article 7 of the said Regulation, the Commission introduced on 17 May 1972 a proposal<sup>2</sup> for a Council Regulation (EEC) relating to the control of capacity in respect of the carriage of goods by road between Member States, intended to regulate all road haulage between Member States.
3. The Council, believing that a definitive system could not be adopted in good time, in other words, before the expiry of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1018/68, adopted on 28 December 1972 Regulation (EEC) No 2829/72<sup>3</sup>, which is basically an extension of Regulation (EEC) No 1018/68 but which makes provision for annual increases in 1973 and 1974 of about 15% in the number of Community authorizations to be allocated to the original Member States and fixes the quotas for the new Member States.
4. Under Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2829/72 the Council must decide, on a proposal from the Commission, and not later than 31 March 1973, on the adaption of the number of authorizations allocated to the new Member States insofar as any adaptation is justified, account being taken of developments in traffic between these States and the original Member States since 1969. In pursuance of this provision, the Commission transmitted to the Council on 13 March 1973 a proposal<sup>4</sup> for a regulation providing for higher quotas to be allocated to the new Member States than those originally fixed. For the purposes of determining these new quotas, the Commission took into consideration available statistics relating not only to international road haulage standards and overall traffic but also to the probable effects on transport of the enlargement of the Community. The Council has not yet taken a decision on this proposal.

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 175, 23 July 1968.

<sup>2</sup>OJ No C 72, 5 July 1972, p. 6.

<sup>3</sup>OJ No L 298, 31 December 1972, p. 16.

<sup>4</sup>OJ No C 100, 22 November 1973, p. 29

5. Article 9 of Council Regulation No 2829/72 lays down that this Regulation "shall apply until 31 December 1974. It may be extended for one year if, before that date, the Council has not decided on the system to be applied in the future."

The Commission believes that the measures to be envisaged in order to achieve an overall organization of the market in the carriage of goods should be reconsidered in the light of the basic ideas set out by the Commission in its communication<sup>5</sup> to the Council on the development of the common transport policy. On this basis it plans to undertake, with the assistance of all the competent authorities and interested business circles, an examination of the present situation as regards the functioning of the transport market and the results achieved in the implementation of national, bilateral, multilateral or Community regulations.

Such an examination would provide, in particular, necessary information as to the nature of the measures to be proposed in order to meet the objectives of profitability, efficiency and integration aimed at by the Community. In addition, the Commission believes that comprehensive proposals should be drawn up in this connection, covering the various aspects of the common organization of the transport market, in particular access to the market, transport prices and conditions and rules of competition.

In order to have sufficient time for the drawing up, examination and adoption of the abovementioned proposals, the Commission proposes that, in view of the trends in traffic, Regulation (EEC) No 2829/72 be extended for a period of two years.

This proposal deals with the abovementioned extension.

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<sup>5</sup>COM(73) 1725 final, 24 October 1973.

6. As regards the substance of the proposed measures, it should be pointed out that transport operations effected under the Community authorization system increased between 1971 and 1972 by roughly the same amount as all road transport operations between Member States effected under other systems. This trend seems to have continued in 1973. The annual increase is about 15 %. For each of the years 1975 and 1976, such an increase in the authorised Community quotas of the original Member States will be provided for on the basis of the 1974 quotas, fixed within the framework of Regulation No. 2829/72. As regards the new Member States it would seem opportune, for the period under consideration and on the basis of the 1974 quotas advocated within the framework of the proposal of 13 March 1973 designed to amend Regulation No. 2829/72, to renew the annual increase of 20% provided for in the said proposal.

The Commission, in taking up the items of this proposal in this way upholds the thoughts it has expounded before: these latter have been approved by the European Parliament<sup>1</sup> and have been approved in principle by the Economic and Social Committee<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No C 49, 28 June 1973, p. 7.

<sup>2</sup>OJ No C 86, 14 October 1973, p.4.





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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,  
and in particular Article 75 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee;

Whereas the introduction of a common transport policy entails, inter alia,  
the establishment of Community regulations on the international carriage of  
goods by road; whereas it is appropriate to continue and to adapt to  
developments in trade between Member States the Community quota system  
introduced by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1018/68<sup>1</sup> and extended by Council  
Regulation (EEC) No 2829/72<sup>2</sup>;

Whereas, nevertheless, a definitive system cannot be adopted in good time  
before the expiry of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2829/72; whereas, conse-  
quently, it appears appropriate to maintain the Community quota system for  
a period sufficient to permit the setting up of overall measures concerning  
the organization of the market in the carriage of goods;

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 175, 23 July 1968.

<sup>2</sup>OJ No L 298, 31 December 1972.

Whereas, in the light of the provisions of Article 4(3) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2829/72, it would seem justified to adapt the number of Community authorizations allocated to the new Member States; that this adaptation should be based on the evolution of the Traffic between these States and the original Member States since 1969. That, in addition, it is necessary to take into account, in this adaptation, the effects due to the enlargement of the Community discounted by the increase in Exchange Traffic:

Whereas, for each of the years 1975 and 1976, the quotas foreseen for the new Member States for 1974 should be increased by a proportion equivalent to that provided for 1974; that, for the original Member States, this annual increase should be at the same rate as that applied in the framework of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2829/72.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No. 2829/72 is amended as indicated below.

1. Article 9 is replaced by the following: "This Regulation shall apply until 31 December 1976".

2. Article 3 is completed by the following:

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"3. For 1975 the Community quota shall consist of 2.285 authorizations.

"4. For 1976 the Community quota shall consist of 2.601 authorizations."

3. Article 4 is completed by the following:

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"4. For 1975 the number of Community authorizations allocated to each Member State shall be as follows:

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Belgium	254
Denmark	169
Germany	409
France	392
Ireland	50
Italy	306
Luxembourg	67
Netherlands	366
United Kingdom	272

5. For 1976 the number of Community authorizations allocated to each Member State shall be as follows:

Belgium	287
Denmark	197
Germany	463
France	443
Ireland	59
Italy	346
Luxembourg	75
Netherlands	413
United Kingdom	318

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1975.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

